(a) whether the developed countries have urged for reconsideration on Kuyoto protocol in the international conference on climate change to be held in Copenhagen in December;

(b) whether Government had strongly opposed this request alongwith other developing countries in the dialogue with UNFCC;

(c) whether his Minister had proposed through a letter, to unite with G-20 against this protest:

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether India's commitment and reputation is not at stake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The developed countries though agreeing to the Bali Action Plan at the 13th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in December 2007, have often urged to dump the Kyoto Protocol. India and many other developing countries have strongly opposed this move and instead have asked developed countries to take deeper emission reduction commitments as per the requirements of Article 3.9 of the Kyoto Protocol.

(c) to (e) The Minister for Environment & Forests has been interacting with his counterparts including members of G-77 & China and G-20 and our approach has been anchored in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Kyoto Protocol (KP) and Bali Action Plan (BAP).

Green India Programme

3426. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch the Green India Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the Programme, including its components, its objectives etc.;

(c) how much money is going to be spent on this Programme; and

(d) what would be the funding route for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) "National Mission for a Green India" is one of the eight Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change announced by the Prime Minister. This Mission focuses on enhancing ecosystem services and carbon sink through afforestation on degraded forest land in line with the National Policy of expanding forest and tree cover in the country. However, the Mission document has not been formulated.

Threat to ecology and environment in agency areas

3427. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: